## Calm.....[yourself]

- Staying in your 'top' brain
- > Paying attention to yourself
- Pressing pause
- Breathing is good for you
- If you can't stay calm; show calm



#### Connect

- Active listening skills
- Avoid confrontation and power struggles
- Safe disclosure and past experience
- Empathising out loud

# Out loud empathy

Name the feeling - guess, wonder but don't tell

'It looks like you are angry.' 'I wonder if you are scared about......'

- Connect with the feeling.
- 'I have felt like that before.' 'I think I would be if I was you too.'
- Suggest or share solutions to the feeling 'When I get angry it helps me to......' 'I remember last time you were upset you ......and it helped.'

## Collaborate

- > Solutions, distractions and negotiations
- Tell them what they can do; avoid negatives
- Requires 'top brain' engagement
- Person centred communication style

## Get next to them...not opposite

- The rules are the rules....not you!
- You are on their side
- You want them to do well, be happy, be safe





